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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant | : | Dieter WEISS et al. | |
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated December 22, 2010, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being concurrently filed. A response to the Final Office Action was due on March 22, 2011.

Accordingly, Applicants request a three-month extension of the period for response. Please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** made herein are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.